

SENATE BILL 2135
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63
and Title 68, relative to physician orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 68-11-259. A licensed home care organization is authorized to receive
and appropriately act on a written order for a plan of care for a patient concerning a
home health service signed by a physician that is transmitted to the licensed home care
organization electronically by a facsimile machine. The facsimile transmitted order shall
be deemed to meet any requirement for written documentation imposed by rule pursuant
to this part.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.